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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FURTHER SOVIET COMMENTS ON FEA; FEA TIMING

1. AT JULY 10 BONN GROUP MEETING FON OFF REP  
(LUECKING) BRIEFED ALLIED REPS ON JULY 5 CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR KOPTELSEV AND FON  
OFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL. THE SUBJECT WAS THE  
FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY.
2. LUECKING NOTED THAT VAN WELL HAD THE IMPRESSION  
SOVIETS WANTED TO PASS WORD TO FRG THAT SOVIETS/GDR  
WOULD BE COMPELLED TO DO SOMETHING IN REACTION TO FEA,  
BUT THAT WESTERN ALLIES SHOULD NOT TAKE IT TOO  
SERIOUSLY AND OVERREACT.
3. LUECKING THEN PASSED US FOLLOWING MEMCON WRITTEN  
BY VAN WELL.  
QUOTE SOVIET COUNSELOR KOPTELSEV SPOKE TO ME AT HIS  
INITIATIVE JULY 5 ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FEA AND TRIED  
TO DOWNPLAY THE SUBJECT. HIS VIEW WAS THAT THE MATTER  
COULD BE OVERCOME BY MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION.

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THE EASTERN SIDE WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE A DIRECTIVE

(ANORDNUNG) TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE (FEA) WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ACCESS AGREEMENT. THE EASTERN SIDE ASSUMED THAT THE WEST WOULD PROTEST AGAINST THIS DIRECTIVE. HE DID NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO DIFFICULTIES ON THE ACCESS ROUTES UNLESS FEA EMPLOYEES WERE TO CLEARLY REVEAL THAT THEY WERE EMPLOYEES OF THAT AGENCY. END QUOTE.

4. FRG REP SAID VAN WELL ONLY NOTED IN REPLY THAT THE FIGURES MOSCOW WAS CITING AS TO THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THE FEA WOULD HAVE IN BERLIN WERE IN ERROR.

5. LUECKING THEN PASSED OUT INTERIOR MINISTRY FIGURES DETAILING NUMBERS OF PROSPECTIVE POSITION-OFF THE FEA. ACCORDING TO THESE FIGURES, 94 POSITIONS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN BERLIN AND 66 IN OTHER PARTS OF THE FRG SO FAR IN 1974. ANOTHER 110 WERE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR, BUT BUDGETARY COMMITMENTS ARE ADVANCING MORE SLOWLY THAN ANTICIPATED. NINETY-THREE POSITIONS WOULD BE ADDED IN 1975. EVENTUALLY, AT A TIME NOT YET FORSEEABLE, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY PLANS A TOTAL STAFF OF 863. NO BREAKDOWN IS YET AVAILABLE AS TO DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NUMBER AMONG BERLIN AND OTHER LOCATIONS.

6. COMMENT: MOVE SUCH AS DESCRIBED BY KOPTELSEV WOULD BE CLEAR VIOLATION OF BOTH QA AND TTA AND IT IS A PITY THAT VAN WELL DID NOT ADDRESS THIS POINT WITH KOPTELSEV. HOWEVER, SOVIETS HAVE BEEN TOLD THIS BY THE ALLIES ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. REGARDING TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA, AS REPORTED BONN 9735, BUNDESRAT WILL MOST LIKELY APPROVE BILL JULY 12 AND SIGNATURE OF FEDERAL PRESIDENT AND PUBLICATION IN BUNDESGESETZBLATT WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER. BILL STATES THAT LAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE DAY AFTER SUCH PUBLICATION.  
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